

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

First AV data result from a first encoding procedure. Second AV data result from a second encoding procedure. A first switch selects one from the first AV data and the second AV data. A second switch selects one  
5 from the AV data selected by the first switch and fixed-pattern AV data. An outputting device operates for outputting the AV data selected by the second switch. A type of encoding about the AV data outputted by the outputting device is designated among different types corresponding to the first and second encoding procedures respectively. The second switch is  
10 controlled to select the AV data selected by the first switch when the encoding procedure related to the AV data selected by the first switch corresponds to the designated encoding type, and is controlled to select the fixed-pattern AV data when the encoding procedure does not correspond to the designated encoding type.